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Ho-Chunk Nation planning energy strategy

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On December 16-19, 2013, the Ho-Chunk Nation held its first Strategic Energy Planning Committee meeting at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls Convention Center. The Ho-Chunk Nation received a technical assistance grant from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to develop a Strategic Energy Plan. The three day workshop was hosted by NREL through Kabotie Consulting.

Day one focused on steering tribal leaders to the intent of the meeting and developing tribal priorities. Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and various department employees were introduced to NREL points of contact and got an overview of the planning process from Lesley Kabotie, owner of Kabotie Consulting.

Kabotie heard the current tribal reality from tribal leaders and Ho-Chunk Nation employees. Basic information critical to

understanding energy development was shared. Kabotie shared trends that could impact tribal energy efforts, advantages of developing a tribal energy plan, and pointed out accomplishments to help move forward.

The Strategic Energy Plan committee brainstormed a tribal energy vision to achieve with ten years. The vision included economic potential, who would be the nation's energy customers, what type of energy would be used, and who are potential partners. The committee also looked at what issues could block the energy plan.

Day two was full of information sharing about and from NREL. The committee got an overview about the programs offered by the U.S. Department of Energy. The committee heard information on tribal specific studies and projects around the U.S. NREL also shared what technical resources were available for tribes. Ho-Chunk Nation leaders shared the current state of our technical resources.

The NREL presentation of their technical resources went from mid morning into mid afternoon. Kabotie facilitated a reflection conversation with the committee about what was presented.

Day three was more reflection and review of information shared by NREL. Kabotie facilitated two sessions in the morning: Data Review and Reflective Conversation on Leveraging Our Vision, and Strategic Use of Resources to Prioritize Our Action. The rest of the morning was a Strategic Direction Workshop about what



Paul Kabotie, Lesley Kabotie, Paul Dearhouse, Rachel Sullivan, and Karen Petersen facilitate initial planning session.

actions can take place.

The committee discussed what action could happen of the next two years. Lists were created for: priority actions for energy development, the two year focus, and innovative strategies. The committee analyzed and developed the tribal energy plan of action.

Kabotie facilitated an Implementation workshop. The committee discussed what could occur of the next three months. The committee's goal is to build consensus and support for the strategic energy vision. Along with the NREL staff and Kabotie Consulting, the committee created calendars and tasks to begin implementing the strategic energy plan.

One of the main goals was to develop an energy code for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Other goals were to change existing codes

and policies and develop new ones to align with and support the energy code. The proposed energy code would look to implement energy efficient strategies and policies through the Ho-Chunk Nation government. Building construction, upgrades, and maintenance would feature energy efficient changes.

Before the closing of the three day workshop, there was another reflective conversation on the planning process. Three workgroups were made and given tasks to move the energy efforts forward. Look for more information in the coming months about energy here in the Hocak Worak.

The Strategic Energy Planning Committee will meet again in January 2014. The committee will also have ongoing meetings with NREL via conference call. Kabotie Consulting is



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Dear Beneficiary and/or Parent/Guardian:

The Ho-Chunk Nation continues to seek a final transfer of minor's trust funds from Fifth Third Bank to the Nation's new vendor, Providence Trust. At this point, the funds of minor members are held at both Providence and Fifth Third Bank, and both are Trustees. The Nation and Fifth Third are trying to end their long-standing relationship, but have not yet reached agreement. The Nation is still in the process of replacing Fifth Third Bank completely. At the same time, the Nation is pursuing other options to have the actions of Fifth Third reviewed by outside entities.

All funds of minor mem-

bers should still be in place at Fifth Third and Providence. If there is a concern that funds are missing, or either of the Trustees have no record of the funds, please notify the Legislature. You may also contact Clint Breed, Legislative Financial Examiner at 715-284-9343 ext 1313 or by email at clint.breed@ho-chunk.com.

Each year you have received a Schedule K-1 from the Ho-Chunk Children's Trust Fund that contains your tax information. The Schedule K-1 is the part of the tax return that indicates to you and to the IRS the amounts of taxable income you must include on your 2013 income

tax return.

This year you will receive two Schedules and both will have taxable income that you must include on your 2013 income tax return. One Schedule K-1 will come from Providence First Trust Company, as the new trustee for the Trust, and the other Schedule K-1 will come from Fifth Third Bank (the old trustee for the Trust). When you receive the two Schedules you should take them both to your income tax return preparer.

Please note that the information needed to compile the K-1 is not due to the Trustees until February 15th. The Trustees then use that

information to generate the individual K-1 statements. This process may take several weeks so you should not anticipate receiving the K-1 in the mail until the end of February or the beginning of March.

Please keep in mind that the Schedule K-1 is not an indication of the market performance of your investments. The Schedule K-1 only indicates taxable income under IRS rules and laws.

If you have any questions regarding your account at Fifth Third, you should call their Grand Rapids toll-free number at 800-950-7521. That is the number listed on

all mailings, and the team that handles it has access to the minors' records. There are only a certain number of individuals within the bank that have authority to deal with the trust.

If you have any questions regarding your account at Providence Trust, you should call Stephen Fuller at 602-952-2300 or he may be reached by email at sf@providencefirst.com. This number should also be listed on mailing received from Providence.

Thank you for your patience.

*Heather Cloud
Vice-President*

The past is the present...Our generations merge

Submitted by Lizette Goucher

When I'm in the halls or in a different class, I get looked at differently. Why? Because of my heritage, my skin color. Many people don't live the way I do. They don't and/or wouldn't understand our ways. When I say "our" I mean the Hoocak people. Through the past many years our number has dropped. With the number went our speakers. Our elders in whom we learned our ways and our language. In this generation there are fewer than 100 speakers, out of 7,000 hoocak members.

Not many people really pay attention to the past of the hoocak people, but that does not mean we don't have one. When the first groups of "white man" came to our land we were pushed, or moved off our land. Our numbers were

great, and it seems the white man was threatened by that. So they stripped away the children, and tried to break them down. Teach them the ways of the white man, and punish us when we spoke the only language we knew. Going about the only ways we knew, we were punished again. The clothes in which were made for us, taken away and given government issued clothes. Along with all this, most of the children never seen their families again. For some it got even worse.

We have our own historical trauma. We have suffered the loss of our language, culture, way of life, religion and family structure (forcing into the boarding schools). The meaning of historical trauma is a combo of immense loses and traumatic event that are perpetrated upon an entire

culture. THAT is what has happened to the hoocak people, and more. The suffering and pain our ancestors have touched this generation and it will touch the generations to come. The past will never change, but we can change our future. The culture and the ways of life for the hoocak people don't have to change, but they could use a boost in active members. The language could be spoken more.

Why is learning hoocak

important to me? Learning hoocak is important to me because when the language dies so does the culture. The people no longer have anything but a name. The meaning has faded, along with the language. I want to be able to speak to my children; and them to talk among each other. I want their grandparents to talk and them to sit and listen, understand what they are saying. To have the respect for their elders the way I do.

To show the world their more than just a name, they are Hoocaks. We are Hoocaks.

So I'm pretty sure from all that, you can somewhat understand the why we are the way we are. Why learning hoocak is a "big deal". We aren't just learning the language; we're doing our part in contributing to keeping our culture alive. We aren't just learning, we're teaching, sharing, and exchanging.

Dear Editor

I am a parent of a Ho-Chunk child, through my addiction to meth I was not able to give my son the care that he had to have. In the end I ended up with a 15 year sentence for possession of a firearm.

While in jail waiting to be sentenced in federal court my father died, my grandmother died and I lost parental rights to my son, but not without going to court and trying to at least keep some kind of rights so I can at least have contact with him. My attorney sent me a letter that if I will just give up my rights then my son will be allowed to correspond with me but no calls or visitation. But if I make him go through court then he will not allow any contact whatsoever. I could not and did not agree to those terms and my son has held true to his word as he has not allowed any contact with me or my mother who is well established in her community and hasn't even gotten a traffic ticket in her life (I still have the letter from my attorney).

Even though I was on meth and couldn't overcome my addiction before it cost me everything except my life. I am still a parent who loves his child very much. I wake up every morning and the first thing I think of is how I am missing my son's life. I can't even watch him grow into a young man as I receive no pictures or anything of him and that really hurts. I hope he doesn't grow up hating me and one day I hope that will be able to tell him that I love him again. Many days I have thought about giving up in here but the thought of my son always makes me smile and sometimes cry.

Addiction affects a lot of parents, some are able to overcome their addiction and some cannot. I was one of the ones who could not, with much regret and pain that I will suffer for many years if not a lifetime.

As for my son I don't understand why he will not allow me or at least my mother some contact, but I am grateful that he is being taken care of.

*Sincerely,
Robert Hastings*

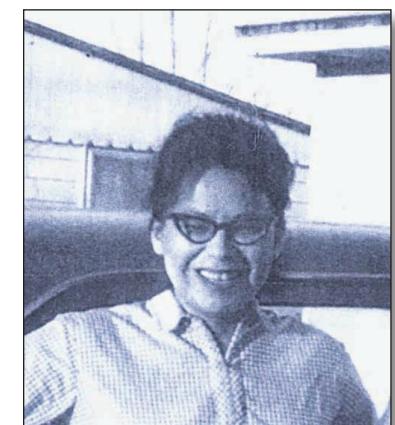
Dear Editor

I'm looking for any information about this lady. Her name is Lavina "Judy" Tipton. She is my mother and I was adopted out when I was 3 yrs old. Any and all information will be greatly appreciated.

Raymond Eugene Tipton
C/O Raymond L. Sprosty
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This picture was taken in 1966 a year before she died in a fire on Memorial Day, May 30, 1967.

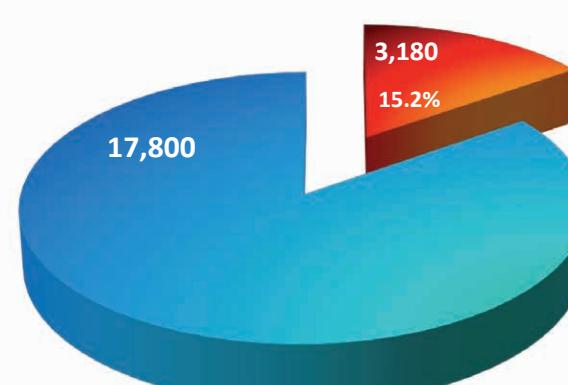
Thank you for your time and consideration.



Correction from Ho-Chunk Nation honors seven code talkers in Vol. XXVII, Issue 24, on December 27, 2013

Greg Littlejohn was pictured and accepted the Silver medal on behalf of Howard Littlejohn, not Elliot Littlejohn, and Myrle Thompson was not stationed in Korea, but served during the Korean War.

In a 12 month period, the Ho-Chunk Nation's Health Department scheduled nearly 21,000 appointments. But 15.2 percent of them were not kept, costing about \$2.4 million in excess costs and lost revenue.



No-shows are costly. Based on average revenue per encounter, each no-show represents about \$755.00 in lost revenue that would normally go to help cover the cost of care.

No-shows
Kept appointments

Note--a "no-show" is when a person has a scheduled appointment and is unable to keep it but does not call to cancel the appointment time, preventing another person from being able to use the appointment.

If you have an appointment you are unable to keep, please call and cancel it as soon as possible--even after hours; follow the automated menu and just leave a message. We'll do our best to make a new appointment that works for you and we may be able to provide an appointment to someone else.

Pinagigi!

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center: (715) 284-9851 Toll free 888-685-4422

House of Wellness: (608) 355-1240 Toll free: 888-552-7889



New Year's resolution to donate blood regularly can help patients in need

Submitted by Brian Gomez,
American Red Cross

With a new year come many resolutions to form good habits and achieve personal goals. The American Red Cross encourages those who are eligible to resolve to help patients in need through regular blood donations.

Donated blood can give patients in need more time with loved ones. Blood can be used to treat cancer patients, trauma victims, organ transplant recipients, premature babies, sickle cell disease patients and others. In fact, about every two seconds, a patient in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion.

As winter continues, blood donations are especially needed, with many donors unable to give due to inclement weather and seasonal illnesses. Make an appointment to donate blood and partake in a lifesaving resolution by visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Clark County

Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at American Legion Post 73, 6 Boon Blvd. in Neillsville, Wis.

Jan. 28 from 12-6 p.m. at Thorp Fire & Ambulance District Station, County Road X and South Wilson Street in Thorp, Wis.

Green Lake County

Jan. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Markesan High School, 100 Vista Blvd. in Markesan, Wis.

La Crosse County

Jan. 18 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at American Red Cross, 1427 State Highway 16 in La Crosse, Wis.

Jan. 21 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at American Red Cross, 1427 State Highway 16 in La Crosse, Wis.

Jan. 28 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at American Red Cross, 1427 State Highway 16 in La Crosse, Wis.

Langlade County

Jan. 16 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Elcho High School, N11268 Antigo St. in Elcho, Wis.

Marathon County

Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kocourek Chevrolet, 1500 Morning Glory Lane in Wausau, Wis.

Monroe County

Jan. 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Rumpel Fitness Center Building 1122, 1122 S. S St. in Fort McCoy, Wis.

Jan. 24 from 12:30-5 p.m. at Cashton High School, 540 Coe St. in Cashton, Wis.

Jan. 25 from 7-11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 401 Mill St. in Wilton, Wis.

Portage County

Jan. 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at American Red Cross, 3201C Main St. in Stevens Point, Wis.

Jan. 21 from 12-5 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 293 S. Main St. in Amherst, Wis.

Jan. 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mid-State Technical College Stevens Point Campus, 933 Michigan Ave. in Stevens Point, Wis.

Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pacelli High School, 1301 Maria Drive in Stevens Point, Wis.

Waupaca County

Jan. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School St. in Waupaca, Wis.

Jan. 27 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at American Legion Post, 303 N. Mill St. in Weyauwega, Wis.

GIVE BLOOD

GIVE LIFE

weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Tomah VA outpatient clinics, Vet Center phone, data service restored

Submitted by Scott Farley,
Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Telephone and data service at the Tomah VA Medical Center's Outpatient Clinics in La Crosse, Clark County and Wisconsin Rapids and the La Crosse Vet Center has been restored.

All of the Tomah VA's clinics and the Vet Center are open and seeing patients as scheduled. Veterans who need to contact the outpatient clinics or Vet Center may call (800) 872-3971

for any scheduling or care needs. Data connectivity has also been restored, so Veterans may also contact their health care teams securely through My HealtheVet.

For more information about the Tomah VA Medical Center's service and programs, please visit the Tomah VA's Webpage (<http://www.tomah.va.gov/>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Tomah-VAMC2>).



The Flu Season is here!

What is the Flu? Influenza is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs caused by influenza virus.



Symptoms Can Include:

Fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, head ache, chills, fatigue and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea.

What if I get sick?

Stay home and avoid contact with other people except to seek medical care.

Seek medical care if.....

You have difficulty breathing, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness, confusion, severe or persistent vomiting. Those people who are very young (under 2 years), elderly or have chronic health conditions maybe at greater risk of complications and should contact their medical Provider once symptoms arise.

Preventing the Flu:

Vaccinate everyone over the age of 6 months. ([It's not too late to get your Flu shot!](#))

- ❖ To help stop the spread avoid close contact with sick people,
- ❖ Stay home if you are sick until you are without a fever for 24 hours,
- ❖ Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze (use a tissue or your elbow),
- ❖ Wash your hands with soap and water, and disinfect surfaces and objects

Questions about the flu: Contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center 715-284-9851, Your local Community Health Nurse, or visit www.cdc.gov/flu

FOOT EXAMS AND NAIL CARE WILL BE OFFERED AT THE WITTENBERG TAU ON A MONTHLY BASIS

January 21st
February 18th
(OR AS NEEDED
BY APPOINTMENT)

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

For more information or questions please call:

Community Health Nurse Judy
715-253-3820 or 715-893-3075

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Jan. 24th which will be published on Jan. 31st. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Fitness membership program makes it easy to stay in shape

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Most New Year's resolutions are usually concerning losing weight, or getting into shape.

Those resolutions are good ones, because they usually make the person healthier and live longer. But unfortunately, most of those resolutions fall by the wayside a few weeks into the year.

Ho-Chunk Nation Diabetes Project Coordinator Karena Thundercloud said there's an easy way to keep your commitment: by obtaining a fitness membership.

"The prevalence rate for diabetes in the Ho-Chunk Nation is high – about 25 percent. In a community health assessment taken in 2011, it showed a youth obesity rate of 42 percent," Thundercloud said. "By exercising, a person can avoid or delay diabetes. The physical act of exercising brings sugar, or glucose, levels down."

The Ho-Chunk Nation is offering to pay for fitness memberships for any tribal member, no matter where he or she lives in the United States. A small co-pay is required the first six months, and the amount after that depends on usage. A single individual's co-pay is \$20 and a family's co-pay is \$30.

After the first six months, the co-pay will be determined

based on the frequency of use. The more a person attends a YMCA or gym, the lower the co-payment. The less a person uses it, the more the copayment, thus encouraging people to get out and be active.

There is a short history to the idea of making exercise available to Ho-Chunk members, Thundercloud said. A couple years ago, some representatives of an Area approached the Ho-Chunk Legislature and wanted to pay for fitness memberships for all members of that area. The tab came to about \$35,000, and some used the opportunity to exercise and work out, and other people did not at all.

Representatives from another area wished to have similar access to fitness facilities, but instead of paying for everyone, the Legislature required a list of people who were interested.

Because of the inconsistency of no guidelines of such programs, the Legislature asked the members of the Diabetes Program to run and regulate a fitness membership program, since they were the best equipped to do so.

For any looking to obtain a fitness membership, YMCAs are the first choice of the program.

"YMCAs are more family oriented," Thundercloud said. "They have open gym, basketball, swimming pools,



Getting into shape is always a good idea, as these young ladies already know. Working out on the treadmills and elliptical exercise machine are (from left) Hannah Myers, Fiona Fay, Marlene Gamroth and Stacie Allen.

racquetball, and classes like Zumba, Yoga and Jazzercise. They offer a lot of options, not just exercise equipment."

Where YMCAs are not available, other gyms and fitness center memberships are acceptable, such as Curves or 24/7 Fitness or the Lunda Center.

"A lot of YMCAs offer pre-diabetes education, which

we do not at the present time," Thundercloud said. "The instructors of that program are willing to come out an area to put on a class for us."

Although the Diabetes Program is making a push now to get Ho-Chunk members into the fitness program, it actually started in July. So far, 129 people or families have taken advantage of the program.

To enroll, an application

must be completed and returned to the Ho-Chunk Nation Diabetes staff. For guidelines and application, contact Lyndsey Owen at (715) 284-9851 Ext. 5068 or by email at lyndsey.owen@ho-chunk.com or Karena Thundercloud at (715) 284-9851 Ext. 5385 or email at karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com.

Ho-Chunk Nation enrolled tribal members



Get Ready for the New Year!!

The Ho-Chunk Nation is now offering six month fitness memberships!

For guidelines & application please contact:

Lyndsey Owen: 715-284-9851 ext 5068 or lyndsey.owen@ho-chunk.com

Karena Thundercloud: 715-284-9851 ext 5385 or karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com

Ho-Chunk Nation Pediatric Mobile Health Clinic

Submitted by Bethany Schilling, FNP Nurse Practitioner-HHCC

After several months of planning and preparation, the Pediatric Mobile Health Clinic program is ready to hit the road to provide some much anticipated health care services to children in the outlying areas which we will be serving: Wittenberg, Nekoosa, Tomah, and La Crosse. The Mobile Health Clinic is essentially a medical clinic on wheels complete with exam rooms, nurse's station, medical and lab equipment, and waiting area.

During the month of January you may see us as we travel to each of the outlying locations for our first visits: Wednesday, January 8th in La Crosse, Wednesday, January 15th in Wittenberg, Wednesday, January 22nd in Tomah, and Thursday, January 30th in Nekoosa. This month we will be seeing a limited number of patients and getting familiar with each location.

Beginning the month of February 2014 the Pediatric Mobile Health Clinic will be open to taking scheduled ap-

pointments. We will be traveling to each location once each month, usually on the same day the Food Distribution Program is in each area. As we determine the need for pediatric services in each area, we plan to grow the program and add clinic days in areas as necessary. This is the anticipated monthly schedule:

La Crosse:

1st Wednesday – 10:00am-3:00pm, Ni Tani Hocira/Three Rivers House, 724 Main Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

Wittenberg:

2nd Wednesday – 10:00am-3:00pm, Paccinak/Community Center, N7240 U.S. Hwy 45, Wittenberg, WI

Tomah:

3rd Wednesday – 10:00am-3:00pm, Ahu co/Blue Wing Community Center, 310 Epi-nal Ave, Tomah, WI

Nekoosa:

4th Thursday – 10:00am-3:00pm, Cex Haci, 4960 Creamery Road, Nekoosa, WI

*To schedule an appointment please call (715) 284-9851, or 1-888-685-4422.

The Pediatric Mobile Clinic provides services to Ho-Chunk and Native children

ages 0-19 including well-child exams, sport physicals, sick child visits, immunizations, vision and hearing screening, lab tests, specialist referrals, prescriptions, and patient education. We are not able to provide emergency care, x-rays, dental care, or adult visits. There will be assistance available to help qualified families apply for obtainable insurance coverage. Insurance will be billed for services; otherwise services are provided to all Ho-Chunk and native tribal members the same as existing Ho-Chunk Nation clinics.

The Department of Health is very excited to be able to offer this program to bring health care to the children in our service areas. The team of healthcare professionals including a family nurse practitioner, medical assistant, and driver/patient registration strives to provide high quality, respectful, holistic care with a focus on preventive services and improving the health of children and their families. The provider works together with the patient and family to educate and encourage taking an active role in achieving and maintaining good health. We look forward to serving patients and collaborating with community partners in each of the service areas in the coming months.



Bethany Schilling, FNP, and Victoria Matias, Medical Assistant will be coming to various areas monthly.



Children can receive well child check-ups, physicals, have lab work done.

District One Community Center

Shape Shifters

Men's 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

Women's 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

The new Shape Shifters will begin on

Friday, February 14, 2014. THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED BY

THE TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF BODY WEIGHT LOST.

You must have your registration fee before you can weigh in.

Last weigh-in will be Friday, April 25, 2014.

Weigh-in Schedule for Friday, February 14, 2014

6:00 AM–9:30 AM District One Community Center

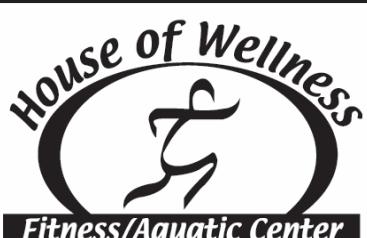
10 AM–11:00 AM TOB

11:30 AM–9:00 PM District One Community Center

CONTACT MELISSA AT 715-284-0905



Children's Health Fund, their logo is seen on the wall, sponsored the mobile health unit.



THE HOUSE OF WELLNESS FITNESS AND AQUATIC CENTER ARE EXPANDING THEIR WINTER HOURS!

[BEGINNING JANUARY 5, 2014](#)

FITNESS CENTER HOURS WILL BE:
MONDAY-SUNDAY 5 A.M. – 9 P.M.*

AQUATIC CENTER HOURS WILL BE:
MONDAY – SUNDAY 6 A.M – 8 P.M.*

DAYCARE HOURS WILL BE:
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 A.M. – 7 P.M.
& SATURDAY 8 A.M. – 3 P.M.*



*HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
FOR HOLIDAYS AND
INCLEMENT WEATHER.

HCG-WD New Year's Eve events raise money for Badger Honor Flight

Submitted by Sherman Funmaker, Senior Manager Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wis. Dells

On New Year's Eve 2013 Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells along with Badger Honor Flight volunteers sold wrist bands that allowed entry to the 3 music acts that performed on New Year's Eve in the Ho-Chunk Hotels Upper and Lower Dells Ballrooms. Along with Madison County, the bands Spin and Lube also entertained the large crowd that gathered to ring in 2014.

Badger Honor Flight is a hub of the national Honor Flight Network, a volunteer organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. They raise funds to transport military veterans to Washington, D.C. to give them the opportunity to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the most se-

nior veterans World War II survivors along with any terminally ill veteran. Veterans from other conflicts, such as the Korean and Vietnam Wars, are included in our program and are given priority.

This is the second year that Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells along with the other Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities were able to help raise money for this group of dedicated volunteers.

All told, the gaming sites were able to raise \$46,000.00 in 2013 to help send these veterans to our nation's capitol this coming year.

The Ho-Chunk people have a proud history with the U.S. military and we are proud of our veterans that served during these conflicts. Supporting such programs are our privilege.

For more information on upcoming events visit: www.ho-chunk gaming.com



Two more Ho-Chunk Code Talkers awarded Congressional Silver medal

Submitted by
Sandy Winneshiek

January 9, 2014 the Office of Historical Resources Branch, U.S. Army Center of Military History, Department of Defense (DOD) notified the Ho-Chunk Nation Veteran Affairs office that two more WWII Army Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans that served as code talkers will receive the Congressional Silver medal award. This recommendation is in addition to the 7

code talker medals previously submitted to the DOD and who were honored on November 19, 2013 at a ceremony held in Washington DC.

Office of Historical Resources Branch, U.S. Army Center of Military History contacted our office for further military service information for proof that these two veterans served in the Army during WWII as code talkers. With the information received, the military will award George Green

(KIA) and Donald Blackdeer the Congressional Code Talker Medal.

The surviving family member to receive the award on behalf of George Green is his son Mr. Montgomey (Monty) Green, and to receive the award on behalf of Donald Blackdeer is his daughter Mrs. Gladys Blackdeer-Morgan.

This will be a total of 9 awards presented to the Ho-Chunk Nation in recognition of our WWII Code Talkers.

Myrtle Thompson provides thank-you meal

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Veteran Myrtle Thompson, Ho-Chunk member, provided a free meal on Thursday, December 19, at the Tribal Office Building, to all members and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

It was her way of saying thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation allowing her to go on

the Badger Honor Flight on October 19. The program flew Thompson and many other veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the nation's memorials to World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Thompson is a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the U.S. Air Force.

Most, if not all, of the World War II veterans who

were able to go have been to Washington, D.C. in the past. Now the program is sending veterans of the Korean War.

At the meal, Thompson had several tables displaying her memorabilia from her time in the Air Force. Singers provided music after the meal in dedication to her service to the country.



Ho-Chunk Nation gives a thoughtful donation to Wittenberg Birnamwood High School

Fiona Fay
Staff Writer

On Monday, January 13, 2014, the Ho-Chunk Nation has made a \$4,800 donation to the Wittenberg Birnamwood High School Football Stadium Restoration Project. The donation was given to the school's Superintendent Garrett Rogowski and Jill Sharp, Principle of WBHS by representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Heather Cloud, Vice President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Darren Brinegar, District 3 Legislator and Danee Walker, the District 3 Legislative Aide for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

On August 12, 2013, the Shawano County Tribal Affairs Committee made a request for assistance at the Ho-Chunk Nation's District 3 Wittenberg area meeting because the committee saw that there was a need of repairs to the stadium at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High school. A District 3 Wittenberg tribal

member motioned to approve the request from Shawano County during their meeting then was later approved by the Ho-Chunk Nation's Legislative Branch.

The Ho-Chunk Nation gave the school a wonderful donation because the Nation knew that there was some repairing needed to be done. Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation thought it would be very beneficial to the Ho-Chunk students that attend WBHS by giving them better stadium. Garrett Rogowski, superintendent at WBHS mentioned how appreciative they are with the partnership and relationship with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

With the donation that was given to the WBHS (Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School), many students will benefit from it. The Ho-Chunk Nation has donated to school districts in many projects as a way of enriching the lives of the Ho-Chunk students.



From Top, Left to right: Heather Cloud (Vice President of Ho-Chunk Nation), Marcus Ball, Dakota Johnson, and Darren Brinegar (District 3 Legislator). Middle, Left to Right: Schay Anderson, Erica White Eagle, Johnny White Wing, Danee Walker (District 3 Legislative Aid), and Navada White Wing (Legislator of Youth Council). From Bottom, Left to Right: Mr. Rogowski (Superintendent at WBHS), Sylvia Walker (President of Youth Council), Kozee Decorah, Skyler Bourdon (Treasurer of Youth Council), Summer Roth, Carmella Antone (Vice President of Youth Council), and Mrs. Sharp (Principle of WBHS).

Photo Taken by Faith Donat (Student at WBHS)

Running to make a difference

Fiona Fay
Staff Writer

Carol A. Rockman is running for District 11 Jackson County Board of Supervisors with the election scheduled for April 1, 2014. The District 11 Jackson County covers City Point 182, 4th Ward Brockway 421 and Komenky 509. Rockman received a Master of Science Degree in Human & Community Resources in 1995 and also a

Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology Social Work emphasis in 1991. Rockman is currently the Director of Planning and Development since July 2003. Throughout the years, Rockman has gained a huge amount of knowledge on social aspects of Native Americans and the social issues, etc.

Rockman has many reasons why she is running for The District 11 Jackson County

Board of Supervisors. One main reason for running is her concern regarding the potential environmental hazards to the county's environment health and physical health because sand mining. Rockman was asked "What is her long term goal?" Rockman responded with "I want Jackson County to be environmentally clean for the tourist, and for the county residents. Rockman's long term goal is

maintaining Jackson County. Rockman's fear is the potential tourist decrease because of potential environment damage. In order to avoid the tourist population decrease, Rockman would like to see the waters in the lakes clean for the locals and for the tourist, also, wants to make sure that there's fresh, clean air to breath by making sure that the county's environment is clean.

As of right now, Rockman

has a very simple and honest platform which is listening to the people in the county. Rockman will make sure that everyone who wants to be heard will be heard. Rockman will see both sides and not just only one side. Once again the election for The District 11 Jackson County Board of Supervisors will be held on April 1, 2014. Good luck to Carol Rockman!

Chris Danou's Capitol Report Resolutions for Wisconsin in 2014

WI State Representative
Chris Danou

With the New Year underway, I know many folks have are working towards a resolution in their personal life. Resolutions are common this time of year and they help people focus on a specific plan to achieve what they deem to be a necessary, long-term goal. Most often those goals are related to health, financial well-being, furthering their education, improving a relationship with someone or paying off debt. In a lot of ways personal resolutions reflect what our state government should try to achieve this year.

With only a few months left of the current legislative session, it is my hope that the Governor and the Republican

majority make the most of our time precious time. This has been one of the shortest sessions in decades and it's perhaps fair to say we haven't seen the vision or necessary action Wisconsin needs to move forward.

The vision for our state has been short-sighted and I think the legislative action we have seen prove just that. After all, the first and most significant piece of legislation the Republicans introduced made it easier for one out-of-state mining company to set up operations in Northern Wisconsin. I know the Governor needs to achieve his campaign promise of creating 250,000 new jobs, but relying on natural resource extraction is not the long-term or silver bullet solution Wisconsin needs.

Aside from creating jobs in Wisconsin, we need to make a resolution and work to become healthier in our state. It's very clear that the health of people in communities across Wisconsin needs to improve, not only to provide a better quality of life, but also to save money over the long-term.

Health care is changing in this country and some states like Minnesota are embracing the change. Minnesota accepted the federal health care money through the Affordable Care Act and is working toward rapid and effective implementation. Under the leadership of Gov. Walker, Wisconsin said 'no' to accepting federal money that not only would have expanded coverage for 85,000 people, but

it would also make coverage cheaper. Wisconsin missed out on the chance to save \$86 million and as a result taxpayers will pay more for less coverage. I firmly believe we should aim to make people healthier and save money versus making coverage more difficult and expensive.

We have seen the income disparity grow to unprecedented levels and there are really no signs of stopping. Wall Street is breaking records and Main Street is struggling to make ends meet. In order for our economy to properly grow, we need to have a strong middle-class who can afford to directly participate by purchasing goods and services.

One way to help the middle-class grow and participate

in the economy is to increase the minimum wage. How can we honestly expect someone to effectively participate in the economy when they earn \$7.25/hour? By paying someone such a low wage, big business makes a huge profit and the taxpayers foot the bill through anti-poverty programs, such as food stamps. If the minimum wage had kept up with the rate of inflation since 1968, the minimum wage would be \$10.74/hour versus the current rate of \$7.25/hour. Those additional 3+ dollars an hour would allow people to have a more active role in contributing to the economy while saving taxpayer money.

Elders enjoy TAU Christmas

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Tribal Aging Unit in Black River Falls held a Christmas party for its elders on Monday, December 23, at the TAU Building.

Games were played, including Bingo, followed by a meal and then a visit from Santa Claus. Santa gave each person a present and a special sampling of his warmth and kindness.



Julia Littlewolf



Gloria Decorah



Martina Littlewolf-Falcon



Dorothy Decorah



Martina Littlewolf-Falcon



Cheryl Thundercloud



Betty Kingsley



Alvane King



Jamie Hanson, Cindy Anderson, Santa, Shelly McCook, and Elissa Smith

Annette Littlewolf

Ho-Chunk Nation donates \$20,000 to Salvation Army

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation presented a check for \$20,000 to the Salvation Army of La Crosse on Monday, January 13.

With the check, the Salvation Army has exceeded its \$650,000 goal for its Red Kettle Campaign, bringing their current total to more than \$675,000.

Legislators Henning Garvin and David Greendeer presented the check to Shelter Director Major Dr. Paul Moore, Development Director Julie Nelson, and Chair of the Advisory Board Sister Georgia Christensen FSPA.

"We are especially appreciative because this is the money that funds the shelter for the entire year," Moore said.

He said the money goes towards everything from the shelter to feeding and disaster programs.

"Without the funds we can't operate, without operating we can't run a shelter, without a shelter there are people that would end up on the streets," said Moore.

With the Three Rivers House on the end of the block and across the street, the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Salvation Army has had a good working relationship through the years, Garvin said.

"Perry Carrimon has directed numerous cases of help for tribal members to the Salvation Army," Garvin said. "Many tribal members have been directed there for shelter, food, or help finding a job."

Carrimon is the general manager of the Three Rivers House.

"The people needing help haven't been just Ho-Chunk, but relatives of them and members of other tribes as well," Greendeer said.

This is the first donation by the Ho-Chunk Nation to the Salvation Army.

What makes it even more important is that it was part of the "matching funds" kettle drive, meaning it doubles what was donated from the public.

"That shows how powerful this is," Moore said. "People in the community gave more money because of the matching funds. It was a wonderful incentive."

Because of the downturn in the economy, many people have needed the services the Salvation Army offers. Each year has seen a greater need for housing and food. Fortunately, the need for shelter had reached a plateau. However, the need is still greater



Presenting the check to the Salvation Army of La Crosse are Legislator David Greendeer (left) and Henning Garvin (right). Accepting the check are (from left, starting with second from left) Julie Nelson, Sister Georgia Christensen, and Major Dr. Paul Moore.

than what was originally planned for the facility.

This building was originally designed to house 38 people," Moore said. "We now have 83."

Also, there is a great demand for meals, which is provided to people staying in the shelter plus people living elsewhere who show up to eat.

"Last month we served 8,600 meals," Christensen said. "And also we offer food to people through our food pantry. The biggest demand is through the Wafer Program, but we still have people who come to us."

Another service the Salvation Army provides is a means to get back out into the community, meaning the staff finds available housing and jobs for people in need.

"The Thrift Store really helps with that. It all goes together," Christensen said. The Thrift Store is a resale shop which provides income for the shelter and

its services.

The three lend their experience to the running of the shelter, having been with the Salvation Army for a number of years. Moore been with Salvation Army for 34 years, with two and a half in La Crosse, Nelson has been with the Salvation Army for four years and Christensen has been with Salvation Army for seven years.

Previously, because of funding shortfalls, two staff positions were eliminated at the Salvation Army. Now they will be able to bring at least one staff position back, and Garvin said they're glad to extend a hand.

"The Salvation Army serves an important role here in the La Crosse area and for the community, a lot of people need assistance for a multitude of different reasons, including our own tribal members," Garvin said.

Take a noontime workout

Greengrass offers exercise classes at Community Center



Christine Mach makes working out look easy at Kelly's exercise class. She is lifting weights high while stepping up on the platforms.

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Kelly Greengrass likes people to feel better about themselves.

That's why she has started impromptu exercise classes at the District One Community Center.

Ever since early November, she has been providing exercise to anyone who shows up.

"It started with just one person, but now I have as many as eight people in a session," Greengrass said.

People gather for the classes at lunchtime, plus some evenings and weekends.

Kelly sets up different exercise stations around the gym area, and then has each participant at a station for a designated time. At the end of that time, she has everyone switch to another station.

In the beginning, she and Chandra weighed in so they could measure their success.

"We lost inches, but more importantly, we gained muscle," Kelly said.

Kelly works in the Ho-



Kelly Greengrass helps everyone warm up before engaging in her station workout exercises.

Chunk Treasury Department and she is studying to get her physical fitness certification through the Labor Department's 477 Program.

"I do it because I'm helping people," she said. "I see a need for it in the community."

She allows people to work out at their own pace, plus she makes allowances if certain physical problems exist.

"For instance, if someone

has bad knees, I will adjust the exercises to allow for that," she said. "Also, if anyone gets tired, they can just take a break during the classes."

She has been offering the fitness classes every day, but she may need to cut back on the number of classes due to increase demands on her time.

For people wishing to join her classes, they can just show

up, but Kelly prefers they let her know ahead of time so she can be prepared. They can tell her personally or send her an email.

"The more people, the merrier," she said.

**LEGISLATIVE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES – BLACK
RIVER FALLS
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Jon Greendeer (P)
VP Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Susan Waukon (P)
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. David Greendeer (P 9:12 a.m.)
Rep. Henning Garvin (P 9:01 a.m.)
Rep. Darren Brinegar (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P 9:02 a.m.)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P 9:30 a.m.)
Rep. Matt Mullen (P 9:07 a.m.)
Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)
Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P 9:30 a.m.)
Rep. Shelby Visintin joins via teleconference call at 9:02 a.m.

Rep. David Greendeer joins via teleconference call at 9:07 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum is established.

OPENING PRAYER: Mrs. Millie Whiteagle-Lee offered a prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to accept Agenda with changes. Second by Andrea Estebo.

7-0-1 (Rep. Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2013.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to ratify November 5, 2013 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-0-2 (Reps. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Forrest Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit arrives at 9:30 a.m.

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit arrives at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Housing – Existing Mortgage Assistance- Myra Jo Price

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to table Existing Mortgage Assistance. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **6-7 (VP Heather Cloud, Reps. Darren Brinegar, Andrea Estebo, Robert Two Bears, Lori Pettibone, David Greendeer, Shelby Visintin) 0. MOTION DEFEATED.**

Rep. Darren Brinegar leaves at 9:31 a.m.

Rep. Darren Brinegar returns at 9:33 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo, to adopt Resolution 11-19-13A the Department of Housing Establishment Act. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **12-0-1 (Rep. Matt Mullen) MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to amend the agenda to address item VII. C. Adam Walsh Act next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. David Greendeer returns in person at 9:45 a.m.

Home Ownership Program and Adam Walsh Act – VP Heather Cloud

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to refer Adam Walsh Act back to the Housing Committee. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Administration Committee Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2013.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the November 7, 2013 Administration Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit leaves at 10:06 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Health Insurance exchanges and Tribal Sponsorship – Wally Apland

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer back to the Health, Social Services, and Insurance work group the health insurance exchanges and tribal sponsorship issues. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Henning Garvin leaves at 10:14 a.m.

Rep. Henning Garvin returns at 10:16 a.m.

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns at 10:20 a.m.

Rep. Shelby Visintin arrives at 10:24 a.m.

Alternative recommendations for changes to the Nation's health plan resulting from Affordable Care Act – Libby Fairchild, Executive Director of Personnel, HCN.

MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to adopt Resolution 11-19-13B, Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **3-8 (Reps. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Robert TwoBears, Shelby Visintin, David Greendeer, Henning Garvin, Susan Waukon, Forrest Whiterabbit, Greg Blackdeer) 2 (Rep. Lori Pettibone,**

Matt Mullen) MOTION DEFEATED. **MOTION** by Rep. David Greendeer to table health insurance issues to the end of New Business. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **11-2 (Rep. Darren Brinegar, VP Heather Cloud) 0. MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Greg Blackdeer leaves at 10:31 a.m.

Rep. Henning Garvin leaves at 10:31 a.m.

Lynwood Property (Standing agenda item) – VP Heather Cloud

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to table the Lynwood budget issue until after New Business. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lori Pettibone leaves at 10:31 a.m.

Rep. Darren Brinegar leaves at 10:32 a.m.

Rep. Darren Brinegar returns at 10:35 a.m.

Rep. Greg Blackdeer returns at 10:36 a.m.

Rep. David Greendeer leaves at 10:38 a.m.

Rep. Henning Garvin returns at 10:38 a.m.

Rep. David Greendeer returns at 10:40 a.m.

Rep. Lori Pettibone returns at 10:42 a.m.

Economic Diversification (Standing agenda item) – VP Heather Cloud

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer appointment of Corporate Board of Directors back to the Work group to develop clearly defined specific criteria and then refer back to the Legislature. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Next meeting December 17, 2013, criteria to be submitted then.)

Enactment of Ho-Chunk Nation Zoning and Land Use Ordinance – Rep. Susan Waukon

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt Resolution 11-19-13-C, Enactment of Ho-Chunk Nation Zoning and Land Use Ordinance. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears, **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3 Housing Funds – VP Heather Cloud

MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to table the District 3 Housing Funds. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **12-0-0, MOTION CARRIED.** (This is a New Business item).

Rep. Susan Waukon leaves at 11:04 a.m.

Rep. Susan Waukon returns at 11:07 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to table Zoning and Lease regulations.

Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Gaming Ordinance/no action, tabled.

Six County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreements – Sheila Corbine

Generalized services, added is the Eagle Feather federal policy inserted. All agreements were approved at Area meetings except Shawano County and still negotiating. No one showed up at Wood County to present at the Area meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt Resolution 11-19-13D Approval of the CY2014 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to leave the Indirect Cost Rate at 5.29% this fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 and reduce the rate in FY 2014-2015 to zero (0) for non-grant programs and non-gaming operations. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. (Affects non-grant operations.)**

Rep. Andrea Estebo leaves at 11:23 a.m.

Rep. Andrea Estebo returns at 11:25 a.m.

Affordable Care Act/Health resolutions not ready.

Lynwood budget not ready.

Wood County Law Enforcement Agreement - This was approved at August, 2013 Area meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt Resolution 11-19-13 I, Approval of the CY2014 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Shawano County Law Enforcement Agreement, no action, awaiting Area 3 approval.

TRAVEL:

ITA Winter Showcase - Rep. David Greendeer

In State travel, a notice will be sent.

The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) meeting – VP Heather Cloud

MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to approve/authorize interested Legislators to attend MAST Impact meeting, March 23-26, 2014, in Washington D.C. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **9-3- (Reps. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Darren Brinegar, Andrea Estebo) 1- (VP Heather Cloud). MOTION CARRIED.**

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1:

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to the Constitution Reform Task Force (CRTF) the motion by Ernestine Helgeson to start looking into removing individuals from Tribal Enrollment following a felony conviction for dealing drugs, second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **12-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) 0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. David Greendeer leaves at 11:34 a.m.

Rep. Matt Mullen leaves at 11:34 a.m.

Rep. Darren Brinegar leaves at 11:37 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to the Office of the President the motion requesting the Dept. of Justice provide an explanation of the Probate Codes

and be present to explain the Codes to tribal members at the next area meeting.

Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lori Pettibone leaves at 11:07 a.m.

Rep. Lori Pettibone returns at 11:07 a.m.

TERO Ordinance Changes – Brian Decorah, Executive Director of Business.

MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to refer TERO Ordinance changes to the Development Committee. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lori Pettibone leaves at 11:07 a.m.

Rep. Lori Pettibone returns at 11:07 a.m.

TERO, Business and Finance discuss-

sion. \$7.1 Million would be impacted in current budgets.)

Tax Exempt Counsel, Casino Development Projects – Mike Murphy, Legislative Counsel.

Proposed Project RFPs were generated for Tax Exempt Counsel with expertise in federal Indian law and commercial lending with specific experience working on tribal loan and tax exempt transactions. Working group reviewed information from three (3) firms and recommends the firm of Faegre, Baker, Daniels of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to select the firm of Faegre, Baker and Daniels as the Tax-Exempt/Financing Counsel based upon working group recommendation relative to expertise in tribal loan and tax exempt transactions. Second by Susan Waukon, **4-1 (Reps. David Greendeer) 8 (Reps. Greg Blackdeer, Darren Brinegar, Andrea Estebo, Henning Garvin, Lori Pettibone, Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Forrest Whiterabbit, Shelby Visintin).**

MOTION CARRIED.

(Legislative Organization Act previously removed from Agenda.)

(Tax Credit, District 1 Community Center, Rep. Lori Pettibone.

VP Heather Cloud said there was a motion made at the last Housing Committee to have an RFP for a 3 bid process. No action.)

(Federation Summit was previously removed from Agenda.)

Indirect Cost Rate (IDC) Rate Change – Sandy Gleason

Ms. Sandy Gleason, Finance Department, explained that there were several meetings to address the Indirect Cost and budget impacts. Mr. Clint Breed explained the different Indirect Cost Rate amounts. Legislature could reduce to zero (0) or leave as is (5.29%) or boost to 14.73%. A zero (0) rate could be used. Indirect Cost Rate just moves money around.

Originally it was to collect money from grant sources. Why would we charge ourselves? Ms. Sandy Gleason said because budgets have all been set and it will be a lot of work to do budget modifications to the general fund and different departments now. If we go to zero there is no issue for upcoming budgets.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to leave the Indirect Cost Rate at 5.29% this fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 and reduce the rate in FY 2014-2015 to zero (0) for non-grant programs and non-gaming operations. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. (Affects non-grant operations.)**

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Rep. Lori Pettibone will talk to Ms. Carol Rockman about this.

Rep. David Greendeer returns at 11:45

USDA Urges Voters to Participate in FSA County Committee Elections

January 17, 2014 Deadline for Submitting Ballots Nears

Submitted by Julie Dokkestul, Jackson County FSA

Julie Dokkestul, Jackson County Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency urges farmers and other agricultural producers to vote in the FSA county committee election by January 17, 2014, the deadline for casting ballots.

"FSA county committees provide producers with the opportunity to help implement federal farm programs in our communities," said Dokkestul. "It is important that all farmers, especially women and minorities, participate in the election process to ensure the opinions expressed in committee meetings reflect Jackson County's agricultural needs and concerns."

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Courtney L. Engle, Petitioner, v. Jamie A. Lopez, Respondent.

Case : CS 13-42

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Jamie A. Lopez

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. *See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE*, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Wendy L. Williams, Petitioner, v. Jeffery D. Williams, Respondent.

Case : CS 13-41

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Jeffery D. Williams

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move the Tribal Headquarters from Black River Falls to Wisconsin Dells Area.

MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the motion by Parmenton Decorah that the Executive Directors of Health, Social Services, and Education develop procedures and program services to provide a comprehensive access point for any tribal members with a medical, financial, or functional need to advance towards self-sufficiency and full integration into all communities. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

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Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to accept Teala Edwards to the Enrollment Committee, Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5 - Chicago, Illinois. NO MOTIONS.

For the record: John Dall elected Chicago Area V President.

District 5:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Administration Committee the motion by Lisa Stroessner/Curt West to amend and restate the motion from last month to reflect these changes: Community Elder

Representative to \$18.50 an hour, Youth Services Co-coordinator to \$18.50 an hour, Administrative Assistant to \$16.00 an hour. Branch Manager Title changes to Facilities Manager at current starting wage for the Facilities Manager position.

Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit requested to place an urgent matter on the agenda a disability concern for an Area 5 tribal member now being researched by a Legislative Aide. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **NO VOTE TAKEN. (Vote taken after next motion 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to add New Business, Title VI Administration on Aging Grant Proposal Resolution to be next item on the agenda after New Business. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **11-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0. MOTION CARRIED.**

(Wood County Law Enforcement Grant was Resolution 11-19-13-J)

Title VI Native American Program Grant Proposal Administration on Aging.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Resolution 11-19-13 K, Title VI Native American Program Grant Proposal, second by Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **10-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION Rep. Andrea Estebo to go into Executive Session 12:13 p.m. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **9-0-1(Rep. David Greendeer) MOTION CARRIED.**

(President Greendeer announced a 5 minute break.)

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to go out of Executive Session at 2:01 p.m. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to ratify all actions taken in Executive Ses-

sion. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS continued...

(Wood County Law Enforcement Resolution previously acted on.)

At-large medical emergency for a tribal member who needs help with medical costs was referred to the At-Large Health Manager today. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit requested tabling this matter until more information was forthcoming. President Greendeer stated he would make sure the Executive Director of Health would be asked to follow up and John Stacy's priority. Tribal member is a disabled person, not quite an elder.

Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan – Libby Fairchild, Executive Director of Personnel.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 11-19-13M, Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan. Second by Rep.

Andrea Estebo, **5-6(Reps. Susan Waukon, Robert TwoBears, Forrest Whiterabbit, Darren Brinegar, Shelby Visintin, Greg Blackdeer) -1(Rep. Lori Pettibone) MOTION DEFEATED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt Resolution 11-19-13N, Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan.

Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **10-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) -1(Rep. David Greendeer) MOTION CARRIED.**

Read for the record - Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit wanted it noted for the record that she supported her husband.

Information handed out on salary tiered premiums, Tribal and non-Tribal.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 11-19-13O, Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan (graduated rates). **No second. MOTION DIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar, to adopt Resolution 11-19-13P striking 1

and take back to the areas, Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan (flat

SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Bayfield Financial LLC as Successor in Interest to Sears National Bank, Petitioner, v. Clarissa A. Pettibone, Respondent.

Case : CG 13-139

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Clarissa A. Pettibone

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons*. *See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, Rule 54.

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SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Lac Courte Oreilles Child Support Program, Petitioner, v. Angelina M. Blackdeer, Respondent.

Case : CS 13-58

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Angelina M. Blackdeer

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. *See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE*, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Jennifer Mitch, Petitioner, v. Samuel K. Mitch, Respondent.

Case : CS 13-46

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Samuel K. Mitch

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. *See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE*, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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District 5 - Chicago, Illinois. NO MOTIONS.

For the record: John Dall elected Chicago Area V President.

District 5:

Ho-Chunk Nation will be opening a Child Support Agency

Greetings! The Ho-Chunk Nation will be opening a Child Support Agency in the spring of 2014. We will be submitting a series of articles so as to inform the people about the steps the Nation has taken to bring the HCN Child Support Agency to existence. We will additionally be providing updates on our status and ultimately what the Agency means for the people of the HCN. The creation and operation of its own Child Support Agency is yet another example of the HCN's dedication to providing quality services to its members while advancing tribal sovereignty.

History:

In early 2000 a committee was formed to establish the HCN Child Support Enforcement Code, with the hopes of creating a comprehensive agency (fully operational in accordance with federal regulations). While the Code was ultimately enacted on October 19, 2004, the application to become a comprehensive

agency encountered an interesting "vacation" in Washington, DC for about 9 years. Why 9 years you ask? Simply put, timing is everything. At the time the HCN submitted its application to become a comprehensive agency the United States federal government released a new set of federal regulations commonly referred to in the Tribal Child Support world as the "Final Rule." So, essentially, our application language no longer made sense with the Final Rule language.

Fast forward to roughly 2009...

As more tribes across the Nation, including several right here in Wisconsin, began to take advantage of the grant associated with the Final Rule, the HCN began to again express interest in providing child support services for its people. A new committee came together to submit another application to obtain what is referred to as a "2-Year Start-Up Grant." The

federal government provides up to \$500,000 to tribes to hire staff and complete allowable "start-up" activities such as revise/draft codes, revise/draft policies and procedures, tour other agencies, attend trainings, obtain office supplies and equipment, and ultimately complete a comprehensive application over a two year period.

Start-Up Period:

On February 24, 2011, the start-up application was submitted by former HCN President Wilfrid Cleveland, per legislative Resolution 02-08-11G. On January 11, 2012, the HCN received its start-up award letter, which set the ball rolling. Since then, the HCN Child Support Agency has grown from a zero man operation to having a Child Support Director, Coordinator, two (2) Child Support Specialists, and a Child Support Attorney, with additional hiring to take place once we achieve comprehensive status.

In preparation for opening,

the Child Support Agency staff has been busily working on the abovementioned "start-up" activities. We have additionally been attending HCN Area Meetings and other community outreach events in an attempt to educate the people on what a HCN Child Support Agency will mean for them. This has included attendance at Social Services' Annual Family Wellness Retreat, this year's General Council Meeting, HCN Health and Information Fair(s), and Parent Information Fair(s). In an attempt to make learning fun and more interactive, staff created a learning game to show how different numbers of children, families, and income can affect an individual's child support obligations. It has been an honor to be able to get out and meet with so many of the Nation's families and employees.

Comprehensive Period:

On December 13, 2013, the HCN Child Support Agency mailed off its comprehensive

application. Until this application is approved by the federal government, the HCN Child Support Agency must continue to refrain from working on actual cases. We must therefore continue to perform only "start-up" activities at this time.

Groundbreaking was held for the new Law Enforcement Center on October 27, 2013. Our offices will be permanently located in this expansion to the Judiciary Building located on Hwy. 54 in Black River Falls, WI. Once our comprehensive application is approved, our doors will be open and we will begin accepting applications for services.

Our next article in the Child Support Series: How the HCN Child Support Agency may affect tribal members and employees & what you need to know.

Domestic Abuse Shelter seeks Board of Directors members

Do you want to help your community? Here's a way to do it!

The Ho-Chunk Domestic Abuse Shelter Program is looking for a few good people.

The people are needed to fill positions on a proposed Domestic Abuse Shelter Board of Directors, according to Shelter Director Tammy Schueller.

The duties of Board of Directors include many functions, but primarily concerning fund raising for the shelter so that it can become self-sustaining.

Also, volunteers are needed to work at the shelter when needed, Schueller said.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors, or to become a shelter volunteer, contact Schueller at (715) 299-1590 or email her at Tammy.Schueller@Ho-Chunk.com

PART-TIME AIAA ADVOCATE JOB POSTING

With a grant from the Dept. of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, American Indians Against Abuse (AIAA) and Wisconsin Judicare have partnered on a project to provide holistic legal services to income-eligible Native American victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout the eleven tribes in Wisconsin. The advocate will be responsible for outreach, client screening, and other project duties as assigned. 26 hours per week. This position is housed at the AIAA office in Hayward, WI. Qualified applicants will have an associate's degree in a related field, experience working with victims of abuse and specialized knowledge of tribal cultures and communities. Apply by submitting a cover letter and resume to Attn. Mary Jo Nyenhuis, Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., P.O. Box 6100, Wausau WI 54402-6100, info@judicare.org. Deadline: 1/31/14. AA/EEO.



Job Title: Operator I
WI
Job no: 38294

Location: Black River Falls,

Job Description:

Operates and maintains water/wastewater treatment, processing, disposal and testing equipment in water/wastewater treatment facility to purify water to meet permit and operational requirements.

Qualifications:

- Must have the ability to read, write and comprehend English (operational, process, safety and quality instructions). Must have the ability to perform basic mathematical calculations.
- Typically holds or is working toward a first level treatment certificate. (Requires minimum water/wastewater license as required by regulatory agencies at site).
- Six months to two years experience in a related position and environment with knowledge of the methods, techniques, and practices of water/wastewater treatment.
- Must be able to serve rotational 24 hour emergency on-call if required by site.
- Must be able to pass drug screen, physical exam, and background check.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and a safe driving record.

For more details and to be considered for this position, please apply via our website: www.veoliawaterna.com/careers

Reference Job No: 38294.

Labor Department Board of Directors

SEEKING APPLICANTS

If you are interested in applying to become a board member please send or fax your application and resume to the Labor Department by February 3rd by 4:30pm.

Address questions and applications to:
Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. of Labor
P.O. Box 667
Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-9343 Ext. 1154 * Fax 715-284-1520



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IMPORTANT EMPLOYEE MEETINGS IN JANUARY

In order to maintain healthcare coverage for dependents, employees will need to bring verification of their dependents' eligibility to be covered on the Nation's health plans. Verification may include:

- Birth Certificate and/or Marriage Certificate
- Court Order or Decrees
- Federal Tax Forms

NO Documents – NO Coverage for Dependents NO Exceptions

Applications or increased benefit levels for Short Term Disability may be made only in January.

Check the Ho-Chunk Nation's website or Facebook for the date and location of meetings

*Limited Term Employees (LTEs) are welcome, but need not attend the meetings.

Madison Area Elder Social Gathering

All ages welcome

**Thursday March 27, 2014 from 6-8 p.m.
at the Wilmar Center**

Meal is a potluck for more information
call Madison Branch Office or
Lavina Cloud TAU Rep. at 608-576-1940

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE



The Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Community Service Division has child care assistance available for Ho-Chunk enrolled children.

Grant funding is limited and on a first come first serve basis until all funds are utilized.

Parents/guardians must first apply for county daycare assistance as one of the program criteria. For a complete list of eligibility requirements and application materials please contact:

Cynthia Deflorian
Child Care Assistance Program Manager
808 Red Iron Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
cynthia.deflorian@ho-chunk.com

715-284-2622 Ext. 5148

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.



District One Community Center

Elder Social

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: District One Community Center

Come and join the fun!

Bingo

Lunch

Feel free to bring a prize

55 and Older

Need More information?

Contact Melissa at
715-284-0905



Notice of Monthly Meeting HHCDA

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HUD Housing)

HHCDA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Karena Thundercloud, Colin Carrimon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Terrence Johnson, Cheri Byhre, Lisa Stroessner, and John Dall

Will meet on Thursday, January 23rd, 2014, at 6:00 PM, at the HHCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Monday, January 13th, 2014 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

District One Community Center

PINAGA TOURNAMENT



Come and join the fun at the

District One Community Center!!

Pinaga Tournament on

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

Registration from 5:30—6:00

CASH PRIZES

1ST PLACE-\$200.00
2ND PLACE -\$150.00
3RD PLACE -\$100.00
4TH PLACE -\$50.00



If anyone wants to learn or have a refresher on how to play, we will be holding a Pinaga clinic on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 from 6:00pm—8:00pm at District One Community Center

Contact Melissa: 715-284-0905

Murrie G. Gensler

Murrie G. Gensler, 53, of California, Missouri passed away Sunday, January 05, 2014 at California Care Center California, Missouri. She was born on November 28, 1960 in El Paso, Texas to William and Darlene (Lewis) Goff both of whom preceded her in death.



Murrie was a devoted homemaker who loved being around her family. On May 4, 1985 she was married to Walter "Buck" Gensler. She worked at McDonald's, drove for H. Kenneth Kirchner School in Jefferson City, and was a CNA at Latham Care Center and California Care Center. Murrie studied at Judevine Center for Autism in St. Louis where she was ranked second in her class.

Murrie is survived by: two sons Kenny and Brandon Gensler; two step children Henry Gensler and Tammy Stemberger; four siblings, William R. Goff (Pam), Celeste "Cissy" Goff, Karan Goff and Mary Roddy (Mike); six grandchildren Hayden Gensler, Kenzi Gensler, Joseph Stemberger, Katlyn McGinnis, Chyanne Gensler and Dakota Gensler; several nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents, Murrie was preceded in death by one son Billy Joe Gensler.

Visitation will be at Windmill Ridge Funeral Service on Wednesday, January 08, 2014 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 09, 2014 at Windmill Ridge Funeral Chapel with Pastor Doug Crader officiating. Interment will follow in the California City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Judevine Center for Autism St. Louis, MO or SSM Hospice c/o Windmill Ridge Funeral Service PO Box 443, California, MO 65018.

On-line condolences to the family may be contributed at www.windmillridgefuneralservice.com.

Irene Gertrude Malleck

(2 December 1933 –
28 December 2009)

We would like to express our gratitude to Wayne Falcon, his family and his helpers, for the help with our beloved Mother Irene Gertrude Snowball Malleck Memorial. We would like to thank the Native American Church for prayers and song.

Thank You!
Greg Gromoff
Jamie Gromoff and Family
Angela Smith and Family



Willa RedCloud

Lots of love from your kids and grandkids

Billy Romero

In loving memory of Billy Romero who passed away December 25, 2013 at the age of 77 while residing in Los Angeles, California. Billy, a member of the Sioux Nation in South Dakota. Billy's wife Lavinia (Big Soldier) Romero preceded him in death six years earlier.

With heartfelt love, the Big Soldier family and Billy's children want to express our sincere appreciation and thank you to John Funmaker of Los Angeles for officiating the services. We are deeply grateful for John being there with us and for us during the time of our deepest need. Pinagigiwi Sincerely,

The Romero Family and the Big Soldier Family

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Women's Talking Circle**

A comfortable place to explore new ideas and perspectives and to be free of judgment.

There is another way!

Looking for a supportive connection with other women in your community?

JANUARY MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday 1/21/14
WHERE: HCN Social Services Building
808 Red Iron Road
Black River Falls, WI
TIME: 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.
CONTACT: Hera Lonetree-Rindahl/Facilitator
(715) 284-9851 ext. 5012

This group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month. All women are welcome.

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TIME: 6-7 P.M.
WHEN: Tuesday 1/21/14
WHERE: Potch-Chee-Nuck
N7240 US Hwy. 45
Wittenberg, WI
CONTACT: 715-851-1812
715-793-4863
Jan Red Cloud

Meeting on the last Tuesday each month

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Domestic Violence Program



Davids advances on martial arts career while developing Hoka! coffee business

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Sharice Davids has two passions in her life: Mixed Martial Arts fighting and coffee.

She loves both of them so dearly; she can't choose which one she loves more.

So she doesn't choose – she enjoys both.

Davids, a Ho-Chunk tribal member, is now a professional MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) fighter and she also owns and operates her own coffee company named Hoka. She presently lives on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

But the tale of two passions doesn't have her divided when it comes to choosing one over the other – she makes time for both.

"My priority is by enjoyment – by passion," Davids said. "I've been working out (exercising) so long, it has become part of everyday life."

"And I do love coffee," she said. "I wanted to do something to do with economic development for the reservation. It was something my friends and I have been talking about for some time."

When she was younger, she had an entrepreneurial mindset plus she was obsessed with martial arts icon Bruce Lee, two interests that have stayed with her to this day.

"But, back then, I didn't get a chance to train," she said. "My mom was a single mother, raising the three of us. So, it was cost prohibitive."

"When I was young we moved around quite a bit but ended up in the Kansas City area after my mom, Crystal Herriage, retired from the Army. During all that time I lived with my whole family, my mom, my two brothers (Matthew and Joshua) and my Aunt Ali and her daughter and my sister (Indian way) Megan. My mom was a single parent raising the three of us, I think she did a great job."

Her mother was in the Army when she was born so that was all she knew for the first 18 years of her life.

"She was stationed in Germany when I was born, which is always funny to tell people – yes, I'm an Indian (Native American depending on who I am talking to) who was born in Germany," Davids said. But don't worry I can still be President (Ho-Chunk or USA) if I wanted to do that. My grandmother was Ruth Stacy and my grandfather was Lawrence Littlegeorge."

Later in her life, at age 20, Davids began studying capoeira, a Brazilian martial art that is based on dance and music which involves kicks, punches, acrobatics, leg sweeps, knee and elbow strikes, and take downs.



Hoka! Coffee is available online and through many stores throughout the United States. The Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department is considering selling the coffee at its Whitetail Crossing outlets.

an accountant, but then switched to business classes when she found that she enjoyed them more. She earned her undergraduate degree there before moving on to Law School at Cornell University, where she earned a law degree in 2010.

"Seems like I moved around a lot," she said.

"Right now I am living in Porcupine, South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation. I came here with my partner, Alicia, who is an Oglala Lakota. When she finished her Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychol-

ogy she really wanted to come home. Alicia provides a lot of support in my life. My mom and my brothers are also a huge support system for me, even though they are geographically far away, because they are still in Kansas City. I don't get to see them as much as I would like but we are all pretty close. Then of course my Aunt and Megan are always in contact.

"The only downside to living way out here is that I have to travel a long way whenever I have a fight or for high-level training," she said.

"I have been really lucky and have had the chance to get a great foundation of martial arts when I was in Kansas City from John Brown at Revolution Gym, on our fight team, Fight University. When I moved to Pine Ridge I started training with David Michaud, who is an awesome wrestling coach. He has also had a lot of experience training and coaching fighters, his son is Bulldawg Michaud, a pretty well known Indian fighter," Davids said.

"John Brown in Kansas City was the first person to say - you should do an MMA fight," she said. "I was taking his Tae Kwon Do and fitness classes and he thought I really would like it - he was right. I enjoyed putting in the hours at the gym and once I saw the technique that really goes in to MMA I was hooked. I had my first fight in 2006 and I have been training primarily MMA since then."

Davids was considered amateur until recently, when she had her first professional MMA fight. She won her debut fight against Nadia Nixon via submission using a maneuver called a "leg triangle."

Now, she's hoping to be slated for her second professional fight on March 1, and getting ready for an audition fight for a slot on the TV series "The Ultimate Fighter" in April.

Starting this month, she is allocating time to get ready for the fight. She's also getting ready to try out for the available slots on the television series.

"There aren't that many women fighters in my weight class, so fights are hard to come by" she said. Her fight weight is 118 pounds.

But the other facet of her passion has a deeply-rooted place in her life, as well: her business, Hoka! Coffee.

"I made a list of things I am passionate about and there were just a few things on it – economic development in Indian Country, martial arts and coffee. I had thought wouldn't it be amazing to have a roasting facility on the reservation so we can have our own coffee here. I found a way to combine two of the three things I am passionate about. Now I just need to figure out how to add martial arts into Hoka! Coffee," she said.

"I had been working on an economic development initiative at Red Cloud Indian School for about a year and recently thought - the reservation should have a coffee roaster. I love coffee and I have always been very entrepreneurial so I started down the path of developing the coffee idea," Davids said.

"I would call Hoka! a total success so far. It is really amazing to see the amount of support people have for Hoka! Coffee."

"Right now, we are working with a very well-regarded and award-winning roaster from Boulder, Colorado. He is very excited to help us get a roasting facility on the reservation. He and I met a number of times to determine if we were both on the same page and to see whether we would work well



Sharice Davids subdues her opponent in her first professional MMA fight in Nov. in Kansas City.



together. I approached him because of the community building and economic building his company has done in many South American coffee growing countries," Davids said.

"He is someone I really wanted to work with because he had experience in the type of growth I want to have on the Reservation," she said. "Many times in the South American countries where we (people in the U.S.) get our coffee from, the farmers are indigenous people who have a plot of land and the perfect conditions to grow great coffee but they lack some of the infrastructure and support to get their product to people who would really love to buy it. Sometimes I think we have that in Indian Country. We have a lot to offer, in terms of products, services and ideas but we don't always have the infrastructure to really demonstrate that to people."

In general, Davids wants the coffee business to provide jobs and economic opportunity for the people who live on Pine Ridge Reservation.

"The people who have jobs because of Hoka! can contribute to the economy on the reservation and Hoka! is trying to purchase as much as we can from local businesses, such as using Lakota Art Studio for our t-shirts and tote bags. We want to provide an excellent product, meaning beans that are top quality, fresh, all organic and fair trade. We also want to provide excellent customer service," she said.

Right now, the business is in the start-up phase, so a lot of the day to day operations of the business involves things like evaluating our packaging, trying to figure out the best way to communicate what the company is about and figuring out who to target for sales, she said. Some of the other jobs is mail out our online orders and communicate with the people who contact them.

"I love what I do. I am going pro for MMA, I run a coffee company, and I am a corporate lawyer. Somehow I am putting these things together. Day to day sometimes I get really tired but I love all this stuff so it doesn't feel like a lot of work - it's just progress," she said.